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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John Hoffmann

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

In view of Applicant's arguments, the previous restriction requirement. In light of all the disclosed embodiments, there is an undue burden on the Office to have to search them all.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 are generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising the groupings indicated below. Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for each of the groupings, even though this requirement is traversed.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

A1 – wherein the truncated region is a void

A2 – wherein the truncated region is ^agas

A3 – wherein the truncated region is a metal

A4 – wherein the truncated region is ^aglass

A5 – wherein the truncated region is a non-glass ceramic

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A6 – wherein the truncated region is plastic

B1 - Wherein the layer/portion/section that contains the truncated region is made by MCVD or another inside deposition method.

B2 - Wherein the layer/portion/section that contains the truncated region is made by an OVD process

B3 - Wherein the layer/portion/section that contains the truncated region is made by a non-OVD outside deposition process. In other words, an outside deposition process which does not use a precursor gas which is converted into glass or other optical material.

C1 – wherein the truncated regions are created by phase separation

C2 – wherein the truncated regions are created by solution doping

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C3 – wherein the truncated regions are created by co-depositing pre-existing particles with non-pre-existing glass particles (or whatever material forms the bulk of the preform). [Figure 6 shows this invention]

C4 – wherein the truncated regions are created by co-depositing pre-existing particles with pre-existing glass particles (or whatever material forms the bulk of the preform).

C5 – wherein the truncated regions are created by co-depositing non-pre-existing particles (for example by reacting gases to form particles) with glass non-pre-existing glass particles (or whatever material forms the bulk of the preform).

C6 – wherein the truncated regions are created by co-depositing non-pre-existing particles with glass pre-existing glass particles (or whatever material forms the bulk of the preform).

*Applicant is required to choose one specie from the A grouping, one specie from the B grouping and one from the C grouping.

*In the event Examiner overlooked a species, Applicant can elect such a species – provided it is mutually exclusive.

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*It does not appear any claim is generic to all of the above species – only to certain groupings. Applicant is required to list the claims that read on the species elected (i.e. all claims that do not exclude the species).

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

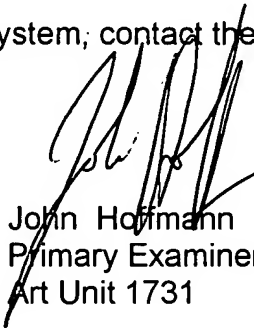
Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Hoffmann whose telephone number is (571) 272 1191. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:00- 3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Griffin can be reached on 571-272-1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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